been institutionalised through the ICDS infrastructure. Programmes of action and advocacy are being implemented to project positive images of girl children so as to bring about changes in societal attitudes towards them.

UN Report on child abuse

670. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a new United Nations report on child abuse mentioning that young children from India are still being sold as jockeys for camel racing in the Gulf States or as young brides to older men in Saudi Arabia; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir. Attention of the Government has been drawn to the Interim Report submitted by the Special Rapportour on Sale of Child Prostitution and Child Pornography appointed by the UN Commission on Human Rights. The Report, inter-alia, touches all issues such as forms of child abuse, e.g. abduction, child jockeys for camel racing and child brides being married to older men from the Gulf States, etc. The Report deals with these issues and problems in the regional prospective and refers to the situation in other countries as well.

(b) Government have already taken necessary steps to sensitise officers of the Police Department to take immediate legal action whenever such incident comes to their notice. In order to check this practice, immigration authorities have been directed to be more vigilant while scrutinizing the travel documents of the persons (including Indians) accompanying such minor children and/or minor brides at the immigration check points.

Source of livelihood of tribals

671. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the main source of livelihood of the tribals in Tribal Sub Plan area;

(b) the thrust area identified in the Eight Plan to increase their income and new avenues of employment to the tribals; and

(c) the total amount proposed to be spent during the Eighth Five Year Plan period on Human Resource Development through education and vocational/craftsman training to improve the skills of the Tribals?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The main sources of livelihood of tribals in Tribal Sub-Plan area vary from region to region and differ within communities of tribal groups in India. But, generally they depend mainly on agriculture and related activities including agricultural labour and collection of minor forest produce. The income of tribals also comes through hendicrafts, leaf plate making, bee-keeping and weaving etc.

(b) The thrust areas identified are taking up family oriented beneficiary programmes through raising productivity level of the beneficiary families in the field of agdiculture horiticulture, animal husbandary and small industries etc, vocational training for self-employment, procurement and marketing of Surplus Agricultural Produce and Minor Forest Produce and Employment Assurance Scheme etc.

(c) The total amount proposed to be spent by this Ministry on Human Resource Development through education and vocational/craftsman training to improve the skills of tribals is Rs. 60 crores besides Rs. 337.60 crores under schemes for Post-Matric Scholarship, Book Banks and Upgradation of Merit of students which are both for SC/ST students.

Meeting on Children's Welfare

672. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICCW (Indian Council for Child Welfare) recently organised

any meeting in New Delhi with the assistance from the U.N. Childrens, Fund and supported by Department of Women and Child Development with a view to deliberate on the rights of the child with country's top Experts, Government officials and representatives from voluntary agencies looking after children's welfare in India.

(b) if so, what were the major themes deiberated upon particularly relating to child labour, abuse and role of media, family environment and alternate care etc. and whether any recommendations made in respect thereof at the above seminar;

(c) what are the obstacles and difficulties which Government of India feel are coming in the way of full implementation of the U.N. Convention on the rights of Child which was adopted by one U.N. General Assembly on November, 20, 1989 and put into force on 2nd September, 1990; and

(d) how many reports Government have submitted so far in this regard on the measures adopted by India from the date of ratification of the convention and if not, the reasons therefor and when the next report is required to be submitted to the U.N.?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir. The meeting was recently held on 21—23 Nov., 94.

(b) Major themes and sub-themes deliberated upon included; (a) Child Rights and Freedom of Children, (b) Family environment and alternate care (including adoption), (c) Basic health, Nutrition and Child Care, (d) Education, leisure and culture, (e) Children with special needs namely disabled children, Child Labour, Abused children and children in situations of emergency, and (f) The role of Media.

(c) No specific obstacles and difficulties have come in the way of implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as ratified by India. With a view to ensuring the rights of the child relating to their survival, protection and development as contained in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), a National Plan of Action for Children (1992) laying down major and sectoral goals to be achieved by mid decade and 2000 A.D., has been adopted. The priority areas identified under the plan include Health, Nutrition, Education, Water Sanitation and Environment advocacy and people's participation. An Inter-ministerial monitoring committee has been set up which monitors, at regular intervals, the action taken to implement the Plan of Action for children.

(d) The first country report on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention is due only on 10th January, 1996. Thereafter, State Parties are required to submit periodic reports every 5 years.

गुजरात के स्वैच्छिक संगठनों द्वारा वित्तीय सहायता की मांग किया जाना

673. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी :**
श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार :

क्या **कल्याण मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार को गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के बड़ोदरा, भरूच, सूरत और पंचमहल जिलों के विभिन्न स्वयंसेवी सगठनों से वित्तीय सहायता के लिये प्रति वर्ष कितने आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुये हैं ;

(ख) सरकार ने कितने आवेदन पत्रों को स्वीकृति दी है और उक्त अवधि के दौरान कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दी है ;

(ग) कितने आवेदन-पत्र स्वकृति के लिये लंबित हैं ; और

(घ) इन्हें कब तक स्वीकृति दे दी जायेगी ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सहायता